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Summary: The Mid City West Neighborhood Council is disappointed to see that Council File 19-0781 expired on September 3, 2021. We strongly urge our Councilmembers to bring and pass a new motion encouraging exploration of a Legacy Business Program for Los Angeles.



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business, and 2) an annual per-square-foot grant to landlords who extend ten-year leases to legacy business tenants.

These long-standing businesses tend to be anchors for neighborhoods, contributing to a sense of community that reduces crime and increases well-being in the neighborhoods they serve.

Many are family-owned and are drivers of local employment. They are often pedestrian-oriented and contribute to thriving multimodal streetscapes. Some legacy businesses lead to more local shopping due to the strong community connections they foster. For others, their storied past attracts tourist spending, often to neighborhoods that otherwise would not draw tourists.

The need for a Legacy Business Program is far greater now than when the motion was introduced. The COVID-19 pandemic has posed innumerable difficulties for small businesses, many of which have been forced to close their doors or radically scale back operations. It is especially tragic when legacy businesses are forced to close. Given the blows dealt to many such businesses by the pandemic, the next few years will be a crucial period for their long-term viability.

We strongly urge our Councilmembers to bring and pass a new motion encouraging exploration of a Legacy Business Program for Los Angeles. We also urge the Councilmembers to expedite the research and exploration process to the greatest extent possible so that this motion does not meet its predecessor's fate.

Sincerely,

Mid City West Neighborhood Council